

REMARKS

Claims 9-26 are pending. Claims 23 and 26 are amended, as supported in the pre-existing claims. No new matter is added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability of the present application.

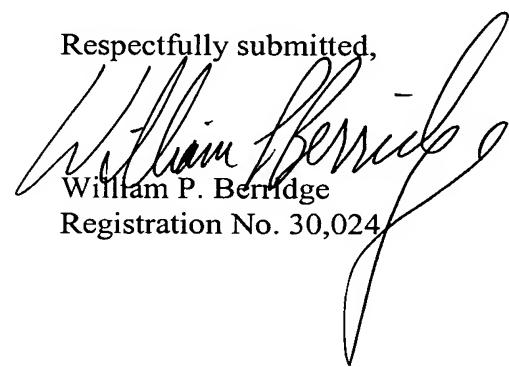
The Office Action states that Applicant "has not filed a certified copy" of the Japanese priority application. However, the required certified copy was transmitted to the U.S. PTO by the International Bureau, and the U.S. PTO has acknowledged receipt of that document. See the final item on page 1 of the attached copy of the Notification of Acceptance for this application. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the priority document as available on the WIPO website is attached. Furthermore, because two figures are poorly scanned in that copy, copies of those figures from the document as filed are also attached. Accordingly, acknowledgment of receipt of the priority document and perfection of the claim for priority is respectfully requested.

Claims 23 and 26 stand objected to because of their dependency. The dependency of these claims has been corrected as requested in the Office Action.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because it exceeds 150 words. Attached is a substitute Abstract that does not exceed the 150-word limit. Entry of the substitute Abstract and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt of the priority document and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

- Notification of Acceptance
- Copy of Certified Priority Document
- Copy of Figs. 6-8
- Abstract of the Disclosure

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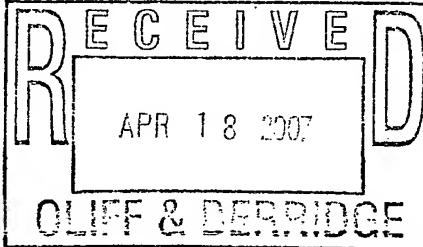


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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>06/28/2006</u>	<u>06/28/2006</u>
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/28/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/28/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/28/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/28/2006
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